

**Magic City Soccer  
Board of Directors  
June 9, 2010**

**I. Call to order**

**Mike Woodring** called to order the regular meeting of the Magic City Soccer Board at 7:35 pm on June 9, 2010 at the Magic City Soccer Office. The following people were present Shelley Prosinski, Dennis Pyburn, Kevin Luse, Todd Preston, Christine Klepps, Casey Marlenee, Susan Maier, Barry Scott, Paul Roper, Larry Van Atta, Robert Roe, Mark Stevenson & Terry Stapleton. Guests present were David Hill, Tim Quarles, Gail Grossman and Don Trentham.

**II. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as written.

**III. Susan Maier-ROT 2010**

Susan reported that things went very smoothly with the RQT and that the State was pleased with the facility (Amend Park) and the local volunteers. The club did take a net loss of \$1,969. However, Susan pointed out that the club did not have to pay for coaches travel. With our club having 6 teams participating in the tournament this savings made up for the loss.

It was somewhat of a challenge to get enough volunteers to cover the weekend. Contributing to this may have been that it was a very busy weekend with High School Graduations & the Memorial Day Holiday to name just a few. The club just hosted the Magic City Classic a few weeks prior allowing club members to Get most of their volunteer hours fulfilled.

See attached Report for more details.

**IV. Terry Stapleton- Stockman Bank Magic City Classic Report**

The Classic made a profit of \$34,625. The Steering Committee recommends increasing team entry fees next year to cover the increase in referee fees. The tournament was thought to be a success on most all fronts. Club members were eager to volunteer and committee chairs reported few problems. The coach's reception was scaled down some from last year and combined with the coach's meeting. We had a few more U13-U16 teams this year and hope to increase that number again next year. Susan and Terry have concerns that Steering Committee members are wanting to step down and are worried about finding replacements for these vital positions. Additionally, neither Susan nor Terry have yet committed to chair the tournament next year. They will take some time to evaluate and get back to the board later in the summer.

For more details see attached report.

## **V. Mark Stevenson- Treasure Report**

Currently the club is showing a \$25,000 year to date profit through the end of May. However, all income has been collected other than reimbursements for the RQT from MYSA and June will have some large year end cash disbursements so the expected year end numbers should be a break even or plus or minus \$5,000.

The Magic City Classic tournament mad a profit of approximately \$33,000.

## **VI. Shelley Prosinski- Registrar**

- All competitive teams have been called and asked to turn in their team volunteer logs. Micros will be called later this week
- State Championship and MT Showcase teams have been notified of mandatory tournament meeting times and check-in requirements. All team managers will bring in their team books no later than the Monday before their tournament so that MYSA roster, passes, registrations, and team contact info can be forwarded to MYSA.
- Borrowed team equipment (team book, balls, pinnies, cones, etc.) needs to be turned into the Magic office when a team's season is completed.
- Magic Summer Camp at Amend Park for U6-U14 boys and girls runs July 26-30. Brochure is on Magic Website.
- Shelley is planning on having the 2011 Gotsport registration ready by the end of July. Collecting final payments, signed contracts, and volunteer checks “is a nightmare” and because 2010 was a particularly difficult year to collect final payments (1/3 of Micro and Comps were not paid one week before the start of their seasons), Shelley is proposing that Micros pay all their registration fees upfront and competitive teams pay their registration fees all at once before try-outs with two checks. The initial payment of \$85 would be paid preferably by credit card before try-outs. The final payment would be paid by check, before try-outs and would be post-dated 11-1-2010 for U11-U14 and 12-31-2010 for U15 and above. She also recommends having everyone sign and turn in a contract at try-outs.
- Shelley Cornell, registrar candidate, has been given a summary of the registrar's job. She plans to come into the office on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays to learn more about the position.

## **VII. Kevin Luse- Director of Coaching**

- Kevin presented a proposal to the board to combined U15/U16 age groups for the 2011 season (see attached). The board discussed the pros and cons to this change in team formation. It was decided that a decision needs to be made sooner than later in order to inform and educate players and parents. Board members were asked to email thoughts/questions/concerns to Kevin by June 18th so that he could weigh the options and make a decision.

-Micro will continue to include the U12 division and Kevin would like the club to consider a travel option for these players.

-Coach Trentham yellow card - In a game in May (prior to the RQT) two players from the U16Girls White team were instructed by the coach to get Yellow cards. The instruction was for the players to encroach on a set piece to intentionally pick up their 3rd yellow of the season, sit out the next game and then be able to participate in the RQT. Coaches in Magic City normally don't encourage players to intentionally get cards but in some cases it's a tactical way to make sure our teams are at full strength for the State tournament.

-Spinelli Red Card - Coach Spinelli received a red card in the final of the RQT against Missoula. I spoke with Adam after the tournament and then again at MSUB the following Tuesday. Adam apologized for his behavior and sent a letter to the board with a written apology. We will be meeting together in July to discuss coaching options for 2011.

#### **VIII. Paul Roper- Director at Large**

Paul made a motion to pay each coach taking a team to regional's and extra \$500 to cover lost wages and extra expenses. Todd Preston seconded the motion. The motion passed with 5 members voting for and 3 members voting against.

Todd Preston made a motion that an extra \$500 for each premier team coach be added as a line item in next years budget. Casey Marlenee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **IX. Barry Scott- Fields**

Barry stated that he is resigning. He will help with the preparation for the fall High School season and is willing to help train his replacement. The Board will begin looking for someone to take over this position.

#### **X. Mike Woodring- President**

Mike introduced Tim Quarles and Gail Grossman, parents of Evan Quarles, and asked if they or Paul Roper had any comments regarding an incident that took place at a May 20th scrimmage between the U14 Red and White teams at Amend Park. Paul Roper was both the coach of the white team and the acting referee. Colin Gregory (Paul's son) was injured in a play involving Evan Quarles, and a confrontation ensued involving Paul Roper, Evan Quarles, and other adults in attendance.

Tim, Gail and Paul all spoke to the board as a follow up to letters each had previously submitted to the board describing their version of the events that took place on May 20th.

After hearing from all parties, Todd Preston made a motion that Paul Roper and all non-board members leave the room, allowing the board to hold discussion in a closed session.

**Board went into a closed session.**

In closed session, on motion by Larry Van Atta, seconded by Barry Scott:

Board requests Paul Roper's immediate resignation from the executive board of the Magic City Soccer Club. If he refuses, he will be removed automatically.

Paul Roper to be barred from coaching effective immediately. Motion passed on a vote of 6-1.

**Mike Woodring** adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:00pm.

**The next meeting is set for Wednesday, July 7, 2010 at 7:00pm.**

Minutes submitted by: Terry Stapleton

## 2010 RQT Report

Tshirts - At the RQT we sold only short sleeve tshirts for \$15.00. Score charged us \$5.00 plus shipping. The first shipment was 140 shirts for \$679.00. This shipment did not fill the preorders so we ordered an additional 50 shirts. The second invoice has not been sent to us yet but minimum charge will be \$250. We sold all but 10 shirts or 170 shirts at \$15 each for a total of \$2250.  $2250 - 929 = 1321$ . Net gain of \$1321. We also sold water and powerade at the booth. The net income was \$30.

Programs- The cost of the programs is the responsibility of the club. We ordered 800 programs at 3.95 each the total cost was \$2900. This was the largest cost item to the club. Although we had several sponsors in the program, we had no additional income to the club. In the future we might want to consider a bare bones program of schedule, teams, field map, cover letter and city map or even a digital program that teams and players can download and print. (State is considering the second option already for next year.)

Gifts for MYSA- The MYSA board were given gift bags containing wine, caramel waffle cookies, chocolate dipped cookies, and crackers. Caramel Cookie and Paula's Edibles gave the club items at discount. The total cost of 8 bags was \$144.53.

Vendors- There were 5 vendors that were present at both the classic and RQT. We charged them a combined fee of \$300 for both tournaments. (Hott Shott's Photography, Ben and Biff's Brew and BBQ, Summer Snow, Beartooth Coffee Roasters, Village Kettle Corn)

Security- Sundown Security provided this service. The cost for the classic was \$624. As the coverage was similar the invoice will probably be similar. This is a club responsibility.

Volunteers- There were 6 teams in the RQT so volunteers were at a premium. There were enough volunteers to adequately cover field marshal, tshirt booth, trash removal, and parking on Saturday. There were a handful of individuals volunteering that did not have players in the tournament. A few volunteered because they needed hours and a few because they knew we needed help. Sunday was a challenge to get the needed volunteer positions filled. It required asking parents on the sidelines after games to fill in, which most graciously did. The other factor that limited volunteer availability was the fact that it was a very busy weekend, (high school graduation, Memorial Day) so parents that did not have players playing or even if they did had limited time to volunteer.

Transportation- We were able to use the two gators, one for trash removal and one the field maintenance, and while Mr. Cortese used the golf cart for referee issues. Todd donated the use

of two 4-wheelers as additional transportation for tournament administrators and the trainer.

Fields- Rental fees, paint, and Sports Seminar Room rental all paid by MYSA

Medals and pins- paid by MYSA.

Referee food- \$690 was spent by the club which will be reimbursed as MYSA covers this cost. Monica Maher filed a report with recommended amounts for a 30 team tournament. Scott D'Ambroisa donated 5 cases of water.

Referee pay- This item is paid by MYSA.

**Costs to club**

Security	624
Programs	2800
Gift bags	145
Total	3569

**Income to club**

Tshirt sales	1320
Water sales	30
Vendor	250
Total	1600

Net loss 1969

The goal of the tournament committee was to not lose money by hosting the tournament. This tournament was unique in the small number of teams attending which contributed to its success and limited income. The fewer teams allowed our limited volunteer base to adequately handle the event. There were very few extra tshirts so our margin of profit was high but because of only 30 teams we had fewer potential buyers. We did not meet our goal unless one includes the savings to the club by not sending coaches to another city for the RQT. A two day tournament for 6 coaches would cost approximately  $350 \times 6 = 1950$ . By hosting the tournament the club also saved its parents the cost of out of town travel.

Recommendations for the club and MYSA in hosting the RQT-

Club –

- 1) Consider a digital program or program without ads.
- 2) Increase number of tournament volunteers on team sign up sheet.
- 3) Require each team to supply 5 volunteers for RQT regardless of job for team.

MYSA-

- 1) Consider digital program. If they decide to stay with written program consider making the program a MYSA cost responsibility.

## **Magic City Classic Board Report**

Chairs for next year have not been secured and many of the people who have been involved for the last 3 years are hoping to see new people step up. Ideas?

Entry fee's should be increased to compensate for increased ref fees.

Date for next year? When will the state post mandatory play weekends?

Sheridan next year- keeping the doors open to support each others tournaments. We had 30 plus teams from WY. 10 from Sheridan. Wyoming is asking for the date of next years Classic as they prepare their league calendar for next year.

### 2 hour Volunteer Shifts for Classic

Team check-in- 38

Participation Bag distribution at check- in- 5

T-shirt give away at check-in- 3

Participation Bags (stuffing)- 30

Parking- 19

Ref check in- 42

Ref Tent Food- 12

Clean-up- 25

Field Marshalls- 90

Concessions Stand help- 8

Speed Gun- 11

T-shirt Information Booth- 28

## **Combining U15/16 age groups for 2011**

This proposal is to give players at the U15/16 age groups an opportunity to further develop and to adhere to the state's new league structure. I believe this change would enhance the club for the following reasons:

- Give players of "like ability" a chance to train/play on the same team. Currently each team at U15 and 16 has 8 or 9 players who are at a higher skill and commitment level than other players on the team.
- Chance to develop a greater number of high level players in the club.
- Solve playtime and disgruntled parent/player issues.
- To challenge our players and keep our club's competitive edge.

The main drawback of the proposal is the potential of player loss. Although there may be a small number of players dropping the first year I believe we can keep most of the players in the club by educating players/parents early on so they have a chance to digest and feel more comfortable with the change. The earlier we can decide on the proposal (this includes the announcement of coaches) the better we can prepare those affected by the combining of age groups.

In how our teams finished this year in the Premier League and at RQT we will have two slots available in both U16 boys and girls for 2011. In looking at the numbers for next year we will have approximately 38 girls and 42 boys for both U15/16 player pools enough for two competitive teams to compete in the Premier League. The teams would be formed by a combined tryout (November) with a first and second team selected and entered in the Premier League.

Over the last few years Magic City has become the most competitive club in the state and we should continue to find ways to recognize and develop players at every level.